

RECOGNIZING CHARLES ANDREW
BISHOP FOR ACHIEVING THE
RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 6, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Charles Andrew Bishop, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 395, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Charles has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the five years Charles has been involved with scouting, he has earned 31 merit badges and has held numerous leadership positions, serving as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, and Den Chief. Charles is also a Tom-Tom Beater in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

For his Eagle Scout project, Charles built a hiking path at the Parkville Nature Sanctuary in Parkville, Missouri. The bridge will create an elevated walking platform that will not spoil the natural landscape.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Charles Andrew Bishop for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

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HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, with the support of my colleagues, Representative JIM GREENWOOD, Representative GREG WALDEN, Representative HENRY WAXMAN and Representative SWEENEY, I rise today to introduce a resolution calling on Health and Human Services Secretary Thompson to remove dietary supplements containing ephedrine alkaloids from the marketplace.

Medical literature indicates that there is a connection between ephedra use and heart attacks, strokes, seizures and death. The American Medical Association has long held that the risks associated with ephedra far outweigh any possible benefits and that the weight of the available clinical evidence supports the removal of dietary supplement products containing ephedra from the market.

In addition, the FDA has received at least 16,500 reports regarding adverse experiences associated with ephedra use and 155 deaths have been conclusively linked to ephedra.

But, after you waded through the reports and understand the statistics, what it comes down to is that individuals are being hurt by what they don't know. Consumers don't know that dietary supplements on store shelves have not been tested for safety. They don't know that the ephedrine/cafeine combination that Baltimore Orioles pitcher Steve Bechler used last spring was taken off of the shelves by the FDA as an over the counter drug, but it continues to be available as a dietary supplement.

I have heard from doctors whose busy days are made more difficult by patients taking die-

tary supplements. One doctor in San Diego wrote:

Ephedra reports have been going on for years. I think it is the responsibility of the FDA to do something about this since the public cannot respond to new information regarding serious side effects reported in medical journals. My patients ask me why these products are on the market and why they are not regulated by the FDA?

Why are these products on the market? Many people would like to know the answer to this question. With the support of my congressional colleagues, I hope we can soon resolve this issue.

I would like to tell you about another person. "Margaret," as I will call her to preserve her privacy, is a 24-year-old woman in California who walks with the assistance of a cane. Two years ago, she suffered a serious stroke that left her on life support and without much hope of survival. But Margaret overcame the odds.

Her long road to recovery included surgeries and countless physical therapy sessions, helping her progress from a wheelchair to a cane. How could someone as young as Margaret suffer such a life-threatening event? According to her doctor, a reaction between her prescribed medication and some over-the-counter diet pills containing ephedra caused her stroke.

I hope the FDA will use its present authority to safeguard our loved ones from the risks of unregulated and untested dietary supplements. Our families depend on it.

**HONORING DAN HEINLEN, OHIO
STATE'S NUMBER ONE ADVOCATE**

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to join with my fellow graduates of the Ohio State University from across the country in honoring Dan Heinlen, who is retiring from his post as head of the Ohio State University Alumni Association.

Dan's outstanding work on behalf of the university and its students, staff and alumni has earned him the unofficial title of Ohio State's number one advocate. As President and CEO of the alumni association for the past 30 years, he has seen the organization grow from 50 thousand members and a budget of less than \$1 million to one that now represents almost 125,000 alumni worldwide with a budget of more than \$6 million.

A 1960 Ohio State graduate, Dan has served in a wide variety of positions under six university presidents. He is currently Secretary of the alumni association's Board of Directors, the Alumni Advisory Council and the Ohio State Student Loan Foundation, Inc. He is an ex officio member of the Ohio State University Foundation Board, its nominating committee, the University Trustees' Government Affairs and Outreach and Engagement Committees, sits on the Academy for Distinguished Teaching Executive Council and chaired the 2002 Ohio Presidents' Inter-University Council Alumni Advocacy Planning Taskforce.

Dan is a pioneer and one of the most respected leaders in the field of alumni work, and is a frequent consultant to alumni associa-

tions across the country. He has also long been active in community and civic affairs.

As Dan and his wife Gelene prepare for an exciting new phase of their lives, I know everyone connected with Ohio State will welcome his continued advice and support.

TRIBUTE TO BOB SKINNER, JR.

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay special tribute to a fine American, a true gentleman and a good friend of mine, Mr. Bob Skinner, Jr. of Oregon on the occasion of the end of his term as president of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association (OCA). Bob is a fifth generation cattle rancher, raised on the high desert of southeast Oregon. Growing up on his family's ranch outside of the small town of Jordan Valley, Bob learned the virtues of hard work, patience, and dependability. After earning a B.S. degree in business from the College of Idaho, Bob's devotion to his family and friends and his affinity for the ranching way of life drew him home to Jordan Valley and Oregon's vast high desert landscapes.

Through his many efforts over the years, Bob has emerged as a powerful spokesman for family ranchers and the rural way of life both in Oregon and across the nation. During the early 1990's, he led the effort to organize his neighbors in defense of grazing rights along the Owyhee River following an attempt to eliminate grazing as a critical land management tool. In the late 1990's after the Steens Mountain was proposed as a national monument Bob teamed up with other ranchers, community leaders and me to find a solution that would ensure the sustainability of livestock production on the mountain while preserving treasured resources. Bob was critical to the establishment of the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area, which arose from legislation I introduced in Congress—one of the most widely applauded measures to affect eastern Oregon in decades.

Mr. Speaker, Bob enjoys a reputation as a clear, cool head in discussions pertaining to the cattle industry. He is effective precisely because of his ability to maintain a levelheaded and respectful demeanor while tenaciously fighting for the interests of family ranchers. Bob's quiet, articulate and effective leadership has earned him the respect of many in Oregon and throughout the West. Bob understands that we can preserve the ranching lifestyle and stand up for the hard-working people who make their living off the land while improving the environment. Ranchers are, in fact, true stewards of the land and have been for many generations.

Bob has been recognized for his leadership with a number of prestigious awards, among them the 1997 Voice of the Industry Award of the Portland Chamber Agriculture Industries Committee and the 2000 Salem Chamber Agriculture Star Award. Over the years, Bob has given back generously to his community by donating his time and energy to various worthy causes. He has served on numerous local boards ranging from the county road board to